

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
April 23, 2025

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

7:15 PM It is anticipated that the Board of Education will immediately consider a motion to enter executive session for purposes of discussing personnel and contractual matters and reconvene the public portion of the Business Meeting at 8:00.

I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT HERNANDEZ

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 19, 2025 and April 9, 2025

IV. WELCOME TO VISITORS: At this time the Board of Education welcomes questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda.

V. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT– MS. JENNIE PADILLA, DISTRICT CLERK

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. UNAL KARAKAS

VII. OTHER REPORTS:

A. VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are three delegates from Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four on the Central High School Board of Education: President Hernandez, Vice President Herrera, and Trustee Maier.

Residency Hotlines:

Valley Stream School District 516-872-5677
Village of Valley Stream 516-592-5140
Town of Hempstead 516-584-5000

B. LEGISLATION REPORT - TRUSTEE NUÑEZ

VIII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – VICE PRESIDENT HERRERA

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints John Boniello Jr., effective July 1, 2025, as Director of Pupil Services holding a Professional Certificate as a School District Leader, for a 4-year probationary period, unless terminated prior thereto, and subject to the requirements of the Education Law, and the Rules of the Board of Regents. Their probation expiration will be June 30, 2029. Compensation will be \$176,000 and thereafter be consistent with the provisions outlined in the negotiated agreement with the Directors' Unit of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Khasharr Mitchell, as a Cleaner, effective April 25, 2025.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Alida Pesola, holding a Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), as Leave Replacement for Naomi Rashad, to be effective April 1, 2025. The duration of this appointment is through April 7, 2025. Compensation will be at Step 1 MA, consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Carolina Mendoza Molina, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective April 24, 2025, pending fingerprint and civil service clearance, replacing Kristen Nugent. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amandeep Dhaliwal, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective April 24, 2025, pending fingerprint and civil service clearance, replacing Sultana Baloch. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Chowdhury Sumayea E. Mahjabin, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective April 24, 2025, pending successful completion of the onboarding process, fingerprint and civil service clearance, replacing Ana Salazar. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Fatiha Fathy, as a Full-Time Aide, effective April 24, 2025, pending civil service clearance, replacing Marijo Sensale. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Maryum Masood, as a Full-Time Aide, effective April 28, 2025, pending civil service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 4 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an extension of a leave of absence for medical purposes (pending documentation and review) for James Fischman, Elementary Classroom Teacher, until on or around May 15, 2025.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ilonka Gonzalez De Nunez, Part-Time School Monitor, effective close of business April 4, 2025.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ana Salazar, Part-Time School Monitor, effective close of business April 4, 2025.

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maryum Masood, Part-Time School Monitor, effective April 27, 2025.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ronni Schweitzer, Temporary Substitute, effective close of business March 31, 2025.

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisa Davis, Secretary to the Superintendent, effective close of business May 2, 2025.

15. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the written request of the employee named in the attached Confidential Schedule "A," dated March 26, 2025, for an extension of the employee's probationary period for an additional calendar year. The employee's new tenure date shall be September 1, 2026.

B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE MAIER

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the confidential recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education 03/14/2025 and 03/10/2025 for the 2024/2025 School Year and 03/18/2025, 03/18/2025, 03/20/2025, 03/20/2025, 03/10/2025, 03/28/2025, 03/28/2025, 03/14/2025 and 02/24/2025 for the 2025/2026 School Year, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education services as set forth in a schedule provided to the Board of Education and the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies said recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the confidential recommendations of the Committee on Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 03/25/2025, 03/13/2025, 03/27/2025, 03/11/2025, 03/20/2025, 03/17/2025, 03/11/2025, 03/24/2024, 03/13/2025, 03/10/2025, 03/04/2025, 02/25/2025, 03/07/2025 and 02/25/2025 for the 2024/2025 School Year and 03/03/2025, 04/02/2025, 02/24/2025, 03/24/2025, 03/24/2025, 03/17/2025, 03/17/2025, 03/06/2025, 04/02/2025, 03/11/2025, 03/12/2025, 04/03/2025,

03/19/2025, 03/04/2025, 03/04/2025, 03/13/2025, 03/04/2025, 03/26/2025, 03/26/2025, 03/11/2025, 03/25/2025, 03/25/2025, 03/20/2025 and 03/20/2025 for the 2025/2026 School Year, pertaining to students being considered for special education services as set forth in a schedule provided to the Board of Education and the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies said recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

C. FINANCE – TRUSTEE WILSON

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance for February 2025 and the Claims Auditor’s Report for March 2025.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Freeport UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Uniondale UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Hempstead UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Malverne UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services and textbook information and management services for the 2025-2026 school year at the rate set forth in the Agreement and further authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

6. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Valley Stream 24 (“Board”) has reviewed the benefits of allowing piggybacking onto its contract for transportation with We Transport and has concluded that doing so has the ability to provide value and cost savings to the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law 305, the Board of Education hereby approves a contract with the Valley Stream Central High School District to utilize the Valley Stream UFSD 24’s transportation contract with WE Transport to provide transportation services to HAMZA Academy, 202 Stuart Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580, provided there is room on the school bus for any additional students and hereby authorizes to Board President to execute same.

7. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Valley Stream 24 (“Board”) has reviewed the benefits of allowing piggybacking onto its contract for transportation with We Transport and has concluded that doing so has the ability to provide value and cost savings to the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law 305, the Board of Education hereby approves a contract with the Valley Stream Central High School District to utilize the Valley Stream UFSD 24’s transportation contract with WE Transport to provide transportation services to HAFTR (Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway), 389 Central Ave, Lawrence, NY 11559, provided there is room on the school bus for any additional students and hereby authorizes to Board President to execute same.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2024-2025 School Year.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: April 23, 2025			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Medical Insurance	\$33,700.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$33,700.00
	Health & Welfare Services - Rockville Centre & Malverne		
A9060.8	Hosp & Medical Insurance	\$6,725.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$6,725.00
	Hempstead UFSD Health & Welfare 2023-24 / 2024-25		
A2610.455	Audio Visual Supplies	\$1,000.00	
A2610.45	Library Supplies	\$154.00	
A2610.46	Library Computer Software		\$1,154.00
	Software Aid for Holy Name of Mary		
A2110.480-2	WLB Textbooks	\$1,225.00	
A2110.48	Textbooks		\$1,225.00
	Textbook Aid for Holy Name of Mary		
A9060.8	Hosp & Medical Insurance	\$20,000.00	
A1420.400-2	Negotiations Attorney	\$20,000.00	
A1420.4	Attorney Fees		\$40,000.00
	Guercio & Guercio		
	TOTALS	\$ 82,804.00	\$ 82,804.00

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT